

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: LOUISA COMMUNICATIONS, L.C.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-06 TF-99-90
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND APPROVING MAP

(Issued April 23, 1999)

On February 25, 1999, Louisa Communications, L.C. (Louisa), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Louisa intends to provide resold local exchange service in the Wapello exchange currently served by GTE Midwest Incorporated. No objections were filed. On March 23, 1999, Louisa filed a proposed map identified as TF-99-90 for the Wapello exchange.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed Louisa's application and finds Louisa has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Louisa. The Board has reviewed the proposed map and will approve it.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Louisa Communications, L.C., on February 25, 1999, is granted, subject to the requirement that follows.

2. At the time Louisa files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Louisa, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Louisa to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

3. The proposed map filed on March 23, 1999, in Docket No. TF-99-90 is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Emmitt J. George, Jr.

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Paula S. Dierenfeld

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of April, 1999.